



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 352

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 30.206 (1) (a) and 95.60 (2) (a) (intro.); and *to create* 29.733
2 (3), 30.01 (4o), 30.12 (3) (b) and 95.60 (9) of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing
3 placement of net pens in navigable waters under a statewide general permit
4 and exceptions for certain requirements that apply to fish farms.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

5 **SECTION 1.** 29.733 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

6 29.733 (3) This section does not apply to a person who places a net pen in a
7 natural body of water for the purpose of holding or rearing fish in accordance with
8 a general permit issued under s. 30.12 (3) (b).

9 **SECTION 2.** 30.01 (4o) of the statutes is created to read:

10 30.01 (4o) “Net pen” means an enclosure placed in a body of water and used
11 to hold or rear fish.

ASSEMBLY BILL 352**SECTION 3**

1 **SECTION 3.** 30.12 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

2 30.12 (3) (b) 1. The department shall issue a statewide general permit under
3 s. 30.206 that authorizes a person to place a net pen in a Great Lakes water body or
4 a tributary of a Great Lakes water body if all of the following apply:

5 a. The net pen is placed for the purpose of holding or rearing fish for
6 noncommercial purposes.

7 b. The fish held or reared in the net pen are stocked by the department or by
8 a person who is in compliance with s. 29.736.

9 c. The fish held or reared in the net pen are released by the department or by
10 a person who is in compliance with s. 29.736 into the same body of water in which
11 the net pen is placed.

12 2. A general permit issued for the purpose described in this section shall
13 authorize a person to place a net pen in a Great Lakes water body or a tributary of
14 a Great Lakes water body for a period not to exceed 8 weeks. The general permit may
15 not limit the number of times that a person may place a net pen in a Great Lakes
16 water body or a tributary of a Great Lakes water body under the authority of that
17 general permit.

18 **SECTION 4.** 30.206 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 30.206 (1) (a) The department shall issue the statewide general permits
20 required under ss. 30.12 (3) (a) and (b), 30.123 (7), 30.19 (3r), and 30.20 (1t) (a).

21 **SECTION 5.** 95.60 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 95.60 (2) (a) (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (9) and par. (e), no person may
23 bring any fish or fish eggs into this state for the purpose of introduction into the
24 waters of the state, of use as bait or of rearing in a fish farm without an annual permit
25 issued by the department.

